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to have a public hearing then. And when they had the public hearing, they could come from all across the state to that hearing and it might be supposed to be located in this one county, but it won't be because they will come from every place to protest it. And this is actually a family matter, I mean father and son wants to increase. And there's always somebody in the community say, well, he's a little bigger than I am. I won't let him do this or something, you know. And maybe he's got 10 more acres or 100 more acres or another pivot or whatever, but I think that's really a concern that I have with this public hearing because if it was limited to the county and also to the people that's involved, it's a different thing. But it could tear up a family just over the deal. So them two examples is two reasons why I would not support this. And I think that right now most zoned counties already include public hearing requirements when issuing a special use permit for livestock operations. And also a public hearing can really increase the dollars and cents the DEQ is going to spend and prolong getting any permits through. And we are supposed to be a livestock state and hopefully we can continue to grow because we've got the corn and the water and the livestock. But it seems like we're getting cut down on every time we want to increase or go ahead or go forward. So I'm going to stand again and oppose Preister's amendment for them reasons. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to give some time to Senator Wehrbein.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We have a four o'clock Appropriations meeting and I did want to speak. I oppose the amendment and there's a lot of things I would like to say. I wasn't going to get into it, but part of mine is a frustration of the obstacles that we're throwing in front of the livestock industry today. And I know there's some reasons and some valid reasons that you want to have the public hearing and do the stopping of these operations. But I wanted to just mention some of the frustrations that I feel. We've essentially wiped out livestock production in my